

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2004. Claims 1 - 10 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 3, 5, 7, and 8 are rejected. Claims 9 and 10 are allowed, and claims 4 and 6 are objected to. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments.

The amendments in claim 1 now clearly define without any ambiguity what the light source element is. When claim 1 was originally drafted, Applicant considered the light source to consider not only the filament (11), but also the mirror (12) shown in Figure 1. On the other hand, the Examiner has construed light source to mean a filament or light source (3) as shown in '436. In order more clearly define the invention, Applicant has now amended claim 1 to include the placement of the integrator downstream from the light emitting element and prior to the image display.


Next, the Examiner should note that reflecting mirror (21) of Aoki is used to collimate the divergent light passing through the pin hole (17) from the filament (3). On the contrary, in Applicant's claim, the curved mirror is disposed downstream of the fly eye integrators which operate to collimate the luminous flux. Therefore, the function of these lenses is entirely different, and the reflecting mirror (21) of Aoki and the curved mirror (3) of Applicant's invention are, totally different. Simply stated, mirror (21) of Aoki is a source mirror, while

mirror (3) of this application is used for turning the light as shown in Figure 1.

New claim 11, which is dependent from claim 1, has been added. In this claim Applicant has further specified the due of the dichroic mirrors and the placement of curved mirror (3) of the invention more clearly.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in accordance thereof is requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed in this current condition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems by Interview or Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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